

gardeners because they professed to be perfectly holy, and yet "came late, went away early, and spoiled his shrubs." He said: "I have now got three sinners, and they manage my garden beautifully." Probably Barnabas made no higher profession of perfection than did his glorious coworker, Paul. He was simply a "good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." What divine grace made him it can make each of us, if we empty ourselves and seek to be filled with the Spirit. It does not help us much to name our churches after the Apostles; but we may strive to copy in our lives such a servant of Christ as Barnabas. The need of the hour is not for more geniuses in the pulpits, but for more personal consecration among the masses of Christ's followers.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Church News.

THE SALT RIVER VALLEY, ARIZONA.

Having made a visit to the above named place the middle of June 1895, I thought a few items might be of interest to EVANGELIST readers. This place is about 400 miles east and about 25 miles south of Los Angeles. Here I saw (June 15) ripe pears, peaches and apricots and the second crop of figs about one half grown—some of the first crop still hanging on the trees. I brought home a bunch of Thompson seedless grapes—not yet ripe—that measured over 12 inches in length and plums about $\frac{2}{3}$ grown that were 6 inches in circumference.

Oranges seem to grow here to perfection, and begin to ripen the fore part of November. Lemons, prunes, olives, dates, mulberries, strawberries, blackberries, pomegranates, bananas, nectarines, almonds and the quince are also grown here. A great deal of stock is raised here and everything, even hogs and chickens almost live and fatten on Alfalfa. The average amount of hay cut from a field of 20 acres is 100 tons per year and in addition one head of stock per acre may be kept on the same ground. The air is dry and it seems to benefit almost to a complete cure those coming here with catarrh, rheumatism and consumption when not too far gone.

At Glendale 10 miles from the capital there is a church of the G. B's. The Brethren church has also a few members there now. Life and property are as safe here as anywhere. In Phoenix a city of 12 thousand inhabitants, people slept on their porches while I was there, and one policeman took care of the city at night.

W. S. McCLAIN.

Aurelia, Iowa.

GLEANINGS FROM THE WAYSIDE.

It affords us great pleasure to write for the EVANGELIST, knowing by past experience that it is encouraging to all that are interested in gathering sheaves for the Master to hear of what is being done. While I rejoice in the success some of our brethren are meeting with in their revival work, I am content with bringing an occasional sheaf to the garner.

In our last wayside report we were at Somerset, Ind., at which place we only could stay a week, but the Lord smiled on our effort. During our meeting one was baptized and two received by relation, all of which are cordially welcome to our fold.

You may hear more from Somerset in the near future. Our meetings were largely attended. The Brethren from College Corner came to the rescue, and nobly stood by us all the way.

From there we went to Maple Grove to fill our regular appointment. Here we have a faithful band of Brethren that are at their post doing what their hands find to do. They are not idle between our appointments. They meet every Sunday night in Bible class and Sisters Society of Christian Endeavor alternately. They are doing a good work assisted by the brethren. Sister Heft, president, and sister Emma Evans secretary. All seem to work together for good.

We failed to get to Pleasant Hill, O., to our last appointment in consequence of our effort at Somerset, but we learn that they had a very pleasant Christmas entertainment, well attended, good interest, good singing, and a pleasant time in general. At this writing we are at Salem church, Indiana, just opening our protracted meeting. Brethren, pray for us and the cause we are in that God may bless my work and my family at home through Christ.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

FROM HARRISONBURG, VA.

We held a short series of meetings at Bethlehem near Harrisonburg, Va. Six confessions. Five join us. One will join the Presbyterians. Two by relation and three to be baptized. As I have been sick the baptism has been postponed till next Sunday. Thus the good work goes on. We are much encouraged now and go forth with renewed zeal. Also since my last report three were added to our W. Va. missions. Two by baptism and one by relation. I am now ready for revival work wherever called.

JOE HALL.

FROM GLENDALE, ARIZONA.

I will say to my numerous friends that myself and family bade good-bye to our many dear friends at Marcus, Ia., Dec. 29, 1895, and arrived at Glendale, Arizona, on January 1. There is a great change in the climate of the two places. It puts me in mind of the old song we used to sing: "December is as pleasant as May." The leaves are still on the trees, but a recent frost has caused some of them to fall. The coldest weather we have had here during the winter was, nineteen degrees above zero. On the second day of January a party of six of us went out sight seeing. We went into a vineyard of 160 acres and picked grapes from the vines with our own hands. It is not an uncommon thing at the present season to see men wear straw hats and boys going barefooted. We have been here now twelve days, and we have had sunshine every day and not enough wind to run a windmill one day. Glendale has three churches. The G. B. Brethren, with Peter Farney as their minister, with whom we are staying. They are exceedingly good and kind to us. May God bless them.

H. B. LEHMAN.

FROM LANARK, ILL.

Sunday, Dec. 29, 1895, was the day the church at this place looked forward to with much interest.—It was the day decided upon for dedicating our *new house* to the Lord. When the appointed time came we were greeted by an immense crowd of people, and God provided a day *just to suit* the occasion.

Brother J. O. Talley conducted the dedicatory services in his usual pleasant way. After the sermon, arrangements were made to lift the balance of the debt which was done in about a half hour. Only a small balance remained not subscribed. We are now comfortably located in our new quarters and can arrange for large or small audiences to the entire satisfaction of all.

Brother S. H. Bashor was with us and preached in the evening from John 14:9, to a large and most attentive audience which is characteristic of his way of handling the word of God. We rejoice to know that God has abundantly blessed his people here and of their substance they have contributed cheerfully to the Lord so that in the giving of this house to Him He shall reward according to the motives which prompted the gifts. Our responsibilities are increased and we hope by God's grace to do better work for him than before. We expect to begin a series of meetings in February.

B. F. PUTERBAUGH.